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EXDIS - FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM NIMETZ

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:DEMARCHE TO TURKS ON VAROSHA

REF: ANKARA 4763

1. WE WERE DISAPPOINTED WITH TULUMEN'S INITIAL NEGATIVE
REACTION TO OUR PROPOSED INFORMAL PAPER ON VAROSHA, THE MORE
SO AS BOTH ELEKDAG AND DENKTASH HAD EXPRESSED TO US GENERAL
APPROVAL OF THE CONCEPT OF INTERIM UN ADMINISTRATION WHEN
THEY WERE IN THE U.S. RECENTLY. (STATE 141210, SECTO 6005).

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WE STRONGLY HOPE THAT ECEVIT WILL BE MORE UNDERSTANDING OF
OUR MOTIVES IN PUTTING FORWARD A DRAFT AT THIS TIME. IN
ADDITION TO POINTS STATE 162536 AND 161686 YOU SHOULD ALSO
INDICATE TO ECEVIT THAT WE WOULD REGARD TURKISH/TURKISH
CYPRIOT REJECTION OF THE CONCEPT OF AN INTERIM UN ADMINIS-
TRATIVE ROLE IN VAROSHA AS MOST UNFORTUNATE. (WE DO NOT,
OF COURSE, INSIST THAT THE TURKS ACCEPT OUR INFORMAL PAPER

WORD-FOR-WORD AND WOULD WELCOME THEIR COUNTER SUGGESTIONS.)

2. SHOULD TULUMEN'S ARGUMENTS SURFACE DURING YOUR MEETING WITH ECEVIT YOU MIGHT WANT TO COUNTER ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

-- THE FINAL PARAGRAPH OF OUR INFORMAL PAPER REPRESENTS PURELY U.S. THINKING ON THE CONTOURS OF A FINAL VAROSHA

SETTLEMENT. THIS IS NOT TIED EITHER CONCEPTUALLY OR IN FACT TO UN ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY. AN INTERIM UN ADMINISTRATION OF VAROSHA WOULD BE PRECISELY THAT: A NEUTRAL MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY'S AFFAIRS PENDING WHATEVER DISPOSITIONS ARE AGREED UPON BY THE TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES.

-- WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS MAY WELL REFUSE TO RETURN TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE EVEN SHOULD THE TURKISH SIDE ENDORSE THE INFORMAL PAPER. SHOULD THIS BE THE CASE THE TURKS WOULD HAVE MADE A SIGNIFICANT FAVORABLE IMPRESSION BOTH IN THE U.S. AND INTERNATIONALLY AT NO COST TO THEMSELVES. UN ADMINISTRATION WOULD ENTER INTO EFFECT ONLY UPON ACTUAL RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS, AND IT WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT TURKISH ENDORSEMENT OF THE PROPOSAL WOULD BE CONDITIONED ON GREEK CYPRIOT READINESS TO RETURN TO THE TABLE. IF THERE ARE NO NEGOTIATIONS THE PROPOSAL WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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BECOME A DEAD LETTER; BUT THE IMPRESSION GIVEN THAT THE TURKS ARE PREPARED TO MAKE MAJOR CONCESSIONS IN THE INTERESTS OF A SETTLEMENT WILL ENDURE.

-- WE HAVE INFORMALLY USED TO VERY GOOD EFFECT SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM'S OBSERVATION IN HIS MAY 31, 1978 REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON CYPRUS THAT "IT WOULD SEEM NATURAL TO ENVISAGE UNITED NATIONS ASSISTANCE" IN CONNECTION WITH EFFORTS TO MAKE PROGRESS ON VAROSHA. VANCE

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